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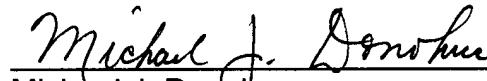
The present supplemental amendment been submitted to more clearly define the nature of the invention. The applicants kindly request that the Examiner enter the amendment prior to an examination on the merits.

It is now believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early consideration of the subject application and its allowance are kindly requested. If questions remain regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7640.

Respectfully submitted,

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